

## **RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL**

Whereas the National Education Goals and the National Education Goals Panel were created following the historic 1989 educational summit of President George Bush and the nation's Governors to assist states and communities to improve their schools and school systems;

Whereas the National Education Goals set worthy, important and ambitious targets to guide and inspire political leaders, educators, business and civic leaders, parents and the public in their efforts to improve learning for all children in America;

Whereas notable progress toward the Goals has been made in many areas, as a nation and as states and communities, but it is apparent that all of the Goals will not be achieved by the year 2000;

Whereas the National Education Goals and the National Education Goals Panel have made important and unique contributions to sustaining the attention and commitment to educational improvement, to advancing the idea of standards-based reform, and in providing a forum for building bipartisan consensus on education;

Whereas leaders in business and education reform have expressed an overwhelming preference that the Goals and the Goals Panel continue in existence beyond the year 2000;

Therefore the National Education Goals Panel supports and submits for the consideration of the Congress the following resolutions:

**The National Education Goals should be renamed "America's Education Goals," and be continued beyond the year 2000 without a specific deadline for their achievement;**

**The National Education Goals Panel should be renamed "America's Education Goals Panel," and should continue beyond the year 2000 with its current membership configuration, and should maintain the mission spelled out in current legislation; and**

**The members of America's Education Goals Panel shall develop a strategic plan for the future for:**

- **Developing a reporting process that links more closely with state reporting and helps stimulate continuous progress toward the Goals;**
- **Revitalizing the Goals and the Panel; and**
- **Enhancing the Panel's ability to provide bipartisan leadership and to develop consensus on education reform.**

**Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the President, the Secretary of Education, the Chairs of the authorizing and appropriations committees in the House and Senate, and the Chairs of the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures.**

**(Approved February 20, 1999)**